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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated November 28, 2000, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (four times amended) A game ball having increased resistance to moisture absorption [properties, said game ball] comprising a natural leather cover disposed over a lining, the leather of said cover having increased water resistance properties distributed throughout during a tanning process, wherein when said ball is subjected to three 90 minute cycles of a rain test, said ball contains a maximum amount of water at the conclusion of said third rain test cycle as expressed as a ratio of the weight of